

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT GLENN D. HICKS, JR., UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the Fort Worth community and of our Nation.

SGT Glenn D. Hicks, Jr., was a proud U.S. Army soldier and a true American hero who gallantly gave his life for his country on April 28, 2007, during combat operations in Salman Park, Iraq.

Assigned to the Third Infantry Division, Glenn enlisted during a time of war, which speaks volumes about his character and patriotism.

Moreover, he was a leader and mentor to younger soldiers and his service as a sergeant—the backbone of the Army, exemplifies that spirit.

Sergeant Hicks is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Hicks, Sr., three brothers and his grandparents.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and all of Glenn's family and friends.

Our community and Nation honor Sergeant Hicks' memory and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

SGT Glenn D. Hicks will never be forgotten. his memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

RECOGNIZING ALABAMA GOVERNOR BOB RILEY AND ALABAMA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE DIRECTOR NEAL WADE FOR THEIR ROLE IN RECRUITING THYSSENKRUPP TO ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Alabama Governor Bob Riley and Alabama Development Office Director Neal Wade for their efforts in recruiting ThyssenKrupp to build a new steel mill in southwest Alabama. ThyssenKrupp is one of Germany's leading steel industries, employing over 180,000 workers at 670 sites around the world, and their economic impact will certainly resonate across Mobile County and the State of Alabama.

Both Governor Riley and Mr. Wade worked extensively over the past 2 years to recruit this world class steel company to Alabama. In an unprecedented way, leaders from across Alabama and the future region came together to promote the Alabama site.

Make no mistake, Alabama encountered stiff competition in their recruitment attempts.

ThyssenKrupp chose Alabama from an initial pool of 67 other locations in 20 States across the country. While other States made competitive offers, ThyssenKrupp determined that Alabama is the best fit—due in large part to the efforts of Governor Bob Riley and Director Wade.

Over a century ago, steel was Alabama's "cash crop" and steel manufacturing played a major role in Alabama's industrial revolution. Now in 2007, Alabama is one of the leading producers of automobiles in the United States. ThyssenKrupp's announcement brings Alabama's steel legacy full circle.

The impact of this new steel mill will be profound. ThyssenKrupp's new steel mill promises at least 2,700 new permanent jobs, paying upwards of \$50,000 a year. Construction will require almost 30,000 employees who will earn \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. Such benefits would not be possible without the efforts of Alabama's outstanding governor and ADO director.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring Alabama Governor Bob Riley and Alabama Development Office Director Neal Wade for their outstanding accomplishments. I would like to offer each of them my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the First Congressional District for their continued contributions to the great State of Alabama.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUZVIMINDA BANARIA

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Luzviminda Banaria, R.N., who has distinguished herself as an outstanding nurse and citizen.

Ms. Luzviminda Banaria has worked at the University Medical Center for over 16 years as a Registered Nurse. She has worked as the pediatric coordinator, and currently is in the surgical department. Ms. Banaria holds many certifications as a nurse, but also serves her community in many ways. She is currently the secretary for the Philippine Nurses Association in Nevada and has been since 2004. She has also served with the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Committee, the board of directors for Luzon Philippine Association of Nevada, and the Bicolanos of Nevada. Ms. Banaria currently serves as the treasurer of the National Federation of Filipinos Association of America and was the vice president of Western UST Nurses Alumni Association of America from 2004–2006. She has even extended a helping hand by sponsoring two patients in the Philippines in need of medical care. Ms. Banaria also helped coordinate medical missions to the needy in the Philippines. She truly has helped many people in the Las Vegas Valley as well as in the Philippines.

Madam Speaker, it is my personal honor to recognize Luzviminda Banaria, R.N., in her outstanding service. I applaud her efforts and wish her continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE OF CHIEF YEOMAN (SURFACE WARFARE/ PARACHUTIST) DWIGHT R. SCOTT

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding military service and contributions to our country of YNC (SW/ PJ) Dwight R. Scott, U.S. Navy, a native of Punta Gorda, FL, on the occasion of his retirement from military service on July 31, 2007.

Born in 1967, Chief Scott grew up in Columbus, OH, and attended Brookhaven High School. He entered the Navy in October 1985 as part of the Ohio State Buckeye Company. After completion of Recruit Training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, he reported to Deck Division aboard USS *Mississippi* (CGN 40) at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. He was meritoriously advanced while stationed at Great Lakes.

In June 1986, he was advanced to seaman and tried his hand in the administrative field. He subsequently passed the Yeoman advancement test and advanced to Yeoman Third Class in June 1988. In July 1989, he was meritoriously advanced to Petty Officer Second Class and assigned to the Operations Department. He then qualified as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist proving his knowledge of how the ship operates and fights in time of war.

In January 1990, Chief Scott accepted orders to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic Command, SACLANT. After a short time on board, he was selected to work for the SACLANT Protocol Office, working directly for the Chief of Staff. As Protocol Assistant, he developed and implemented the NATO locator, a directory of over 400 dignitaries from 16 NATO nations. He was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his contributions to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

Promoted to First Class in November 1993, he was assigned to Joint Special Operations Command, JSOC, in Fayetteville, NC. At JSOC, he qualified as a parachutist with the Army 82nd Airborne and then qualified as a Naval Parachutist. Chief Scott was awarded the Australian Army Parachute Badge, the Joint Special Achievement Medal, Second Award, and the Joint Commendation Medal. After 4 years at JSOC he was assigned to the Office of Legislative Affairs, OLA—the very best job of his career. Chief Scott worked on Capitol Hill for 4 years and traveled extensively with Members of Congress and their

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